MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. There is no proposal to construct a road. There is an existing foot-path which is being used by the pedestrians.

Necessity for opening a First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai.

144. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar, Shertallai taluk, had not been invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate till the re-distribution of taluks;

(*b*) whether representations have not been made in the Popular Assembly and in the Legislative Council for re-establishing a First Class Magistrate's Court there as of old;

(*c*) whether they have taken any action thereon till now (8-4-1106);

(*d*) whether the District Magistrate, Kottayam, the Excise Commissioner, or the Commissioner of Police has recently made any recommendation to them for opening immediately a First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai;

(*e*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter till now; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken and the stage at which the matter is at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question was under consideration.

(*d*) The District Magistrate, Kottayam, recommended that the local Tahsildar might be invested with First Class Magisterial powers.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Tahsildar, Shertallai taluk, has been invested with First Class Magisterial powers and the necessary Notification has been published in the Gazette.

Appointment of Mr. Pichu Aiyangar as Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police.

145. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to Question No. 100, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th January 1930, *viz.*, "there were several matters in his office which the Commissioner himself had to attend to, but owing to more important and urgent work he could not attend to them in time." (page 274 of Vol. XVI of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what those matters were which were attended to by the Commissioner of Police himself and those attended to by his Personal Assistant; and

(*b*) why the appointment of the Personal Assistant said to be temporary is still (18-4-1106) continuing?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is impossible to be exhaustive and precise in differentiating the work done by the two officers. The Commissioner was engaged upon the drafting of his re-organisation and re-allocation schemes and the elaborate routine orders entailed on account of the tour of His Excellency the Viceroy, besides the ordinary routine correspondence regarding administration and control of crime and traffic.

The Personal Assistant dealt with papers of minor importance, attended to the Accounts Branch, the education of the recruits and the large mass of papers connected with the increasing volume of work connected with the Motor Traffic Branch.

(*b*) The appointment is still temporary and continues whilst the re-organisation and traffic branch schemes are under consideration.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has the Commissioner of Police any substantial amount of work to do now in connection with the consideration of the re-organisation and re-allocation schemes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Once the schemes are submitted to Government for consideration, he has no substantial work to do in connection with that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, am I to understand that the special duty that necessitated the appointment of a temporary personal assistant continues no more?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A certain part of the special duties have ceased to exist. But it will be seen from the second part of the answer to part (*a*) that the Personal Assistant has also to deal with a large volume of work connected with the Motor Traffic Branch which continues.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I see that. But in the answer what I see is that the Personal Assistant was necessitated because the Commissioner was engaged in his re-organisation and re-allocation schemes and the elaborate routine orders entailed on account of the tour of His Excellency the Viceroy in addition to the ordinary routine correspondence. Now these special duties are over and only the ordinary routine correspondence continues. The work of the Personal Assistant is not necessary now. I wish to know whether I am right in that understanding of the answer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Commissioner of Police urgently wanted an Assistant because of the special items of work he had to attend to. He has got work which cannot be turned out by a single man in connection with the traffic branch and so he says that it is necessary to continue the appointment of the Personal Assistant until the traffic branch is created. The second part of the answer to part (*a*) is important.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The answer merely says "the appointment is still temporary and continues whilst the re-organisation and traffic branch schemes are under consideration."

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): After the consideration is finished the traffic branch will be separated and then there will be a separate officer for traffic work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Before the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and the traffic and re-organisation schemes, was there any demand by the Commissioner of Police for a Personal Assistant ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I have not got information just now before me.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know how long are these schemes to be under consideration ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For some time more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How long?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government considered the desirability of discontinuing this office in view of the great economic distress prevailing in the land and the consequent necessity for retrenchment ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not at present, because the Commissioner wants a Personal Assistant until the traffic branch is separated.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So only I want to know when the re-organisation and re-allocation schemes will be over ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered the question.

Cases against motor drivers taken up by the Police for rash driving.

146. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases taken up by the Police for rash driving from 1-1-1106 to 15-4-1106 and the percentage of conviction ; and

(*b*) the arrangements made by the Police for ascertaining rash driving ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) 31.
(ii) 9·7

(*b*) No arrangements are possible with the present staff to check rash driving except where the Police are posted or when Traffic Inspectors and officers tour.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state who was responsible for the detection of these thirty-one cases ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Police,

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